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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SOPN, UR
SUBJECT: SHIPLER ARTICLE ON EMBASSY INFORMATION POLICY

REF: STATE 83297

1. EMBASSY HAS ONLY ONE RPT ONE OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN. DAILY BULLETIN IS DISTRIBUTED TO APPROXIMATELY 1,100 ADDRESSEES (SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SOVIET MEDIA, FOREIGN EMBASSIES, ET.AL).
2. EMBASSY ALSO DISTRIBUTES FULL TEXTS OF MAJOR SPEECHES, FOREIGN POLICY EXCERPTS FROM PRESS CONFERENCES, AND OTHER SPECIAL MATERIALS TO DAILY BULLETIN RECIPIENTS.
3. IN ADDITION, SEVEN PRIORITY ADDRESSEES RECEIVE SELECTED AND UNEDITED ITEMS FROM DAILY WIRELESS FILE. ADDRESSEES ARE MFA PRESS DEPT., USA INSTITUTE, TASS, PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA, GOSTELERADIO AND WEEKLY FOREIGN PRESS ROUNDUP "ZA RUBEZHOM". SAME ADDRESSEES RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SERIES PER EMBASSY'S STANDING ORDER. (FYI - MFA USA DIVISION WAS EIGHTH SUCH RECIPIENT UNTIL LATE 1977 WHEN IT PROTESTED RECEIPT OF REPORT ISSUED BY U.S. CSCE COMMISSION AS CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLEGEDLY CONTAINING MATERIAL OFFENSIVE TO USSR GOVT. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY DELETED MFA USA DIVISION FROM FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.)

4. PARTICULAR INSTANCE CITED BY SHIPLER UNFORTUNATELY DID OCCUR WHEN OMISSION OF PARAGRAPH QUOTED IN REFTTEL (RECEIVED GARBLED IN WIRELESS FILE) WAS MADE BY JUNIOR

OFFICER WITHOUT CONSULTING OR CLEARING WITH SUPERIORS.
(TEXT ISSUED WAS LABELED "EXCERPTS" AND NOT "FULL TEXT.")
IT IS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY POLICY TO ISSUE IMPORTANT
STATEMENTS BEARING ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS UNCUT, AND
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST (E.G., PRESIDENT'S
CHARLESTON ADDRESS, SPEECH BY SECDEF BROWN ON SALT
AND OTHERS).

5. THE OFFICER INVOLVED HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED FOR
ERRONEOUS JUDGMENT AND VIOLATION OF EMBASSY POLICY.
STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE, AND IN
FUTURE STANDING EMBASSY POLICY REGARDING ISSUANCE OF
FULL TEXTS OF IMPORTANT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT,
SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE
RIGIDLY ENFORCED. TOON

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